Committee to review the functioning of ICAR

75. SHRI D.B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a committee had been set up some time back to review the entire gamut of agricultural research, education and training in the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR);

(b) if so, whether the committee has since submitted its report to Government;

(c) whether any changes in the functioning of the ICAR has since been made by Government;

(d) if so, full details thereof; and

(e) if reply to part (b) above be in the negative by when the Committee is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) February, 1988.

Allocation for drinking water to States

76. SHRI D.B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have allocated Rs. 1055 crores to States for drinking water through various schemes as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 12th October, 1987;

(b) if so, the break-up of allocations made to each State;

(c) the details of the various schemes announced for this purpose; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to ensure whether the States are implementing the schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): (a) At the commencement of 1987-88 the States|UTs had an unutilised balance of Rs. 92,79 crores apart from provisional allocation of Rs. 328.70 crores under the Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). Under the Technology Mission on Drinking Water in Villages and Related Water Management Rs. 33.40 crores has been earmarked for various States|UTs where Mini Missions (Project Areas) are in operation. Rs. 51.40 crores has been released to 15 Drought affected States as ad-hoc ways and means advance for meeting drinking water scarcity in villages and Rs. 14.58 crores have been released for procurement of drilling rigs by 13 drought affected States. As such, Rs. 520.87 crores is available to States|UTs for provision of safe drinking water in rural areas from Government of India allocations. Besides, State|UT Governments have been provided Rs. 497.25 crores in their State Plans for provision of drinking water to rural areas under the minimum needs Programme (MNP).

(b) A statement showing State|UT wise allocation under ARWSP, MNP, ad-hoc assistance fro drought relief and purchase of rigs and other equipments is enclosed (*See* below): Funds under Technology Mission on Drinking Water are released on need based projects and are not allocated to States|U.Ts. in advance.

(c) The ARWSP is a Centrally sponsored Plan programme and has been in operation since 1977-78. Its objective is to supplement efforts of State|UT Governments for provision of safe drinking water facilities in rural areas by giving financial assistance. The Technology Mission on Drinking Water in Villages and Related Water Management has been set-up in 1986, with the objective of providing cost effective and easily replicable solutions to identified problems in rural drinking

water supply by integrated application of appropriate scientific and technological inputs and collaboration of several concerned departments, agencies and scientific institutions. The activities are focussed through 50 Mini Missions (Project Areas) located in various States and U.Ts. (excepting Delhi, Chandigarh, Daman Diu and Dadra and Nagar Haveli), and five sub-Missions on eradication of guineaworm, removal of excess iron, fluorosis and brackishness and scientific source finding, conservation of water and recharging of aquifers. The cost effective science and technology techniques evolved and applied in the Mini Missions would be replicated in ongoing programmes. An integrated approach for water conservation would be adopted to ensure sustained availability of drinking water on a long term basis. The MNP Programme and drinking water scarcity relief operations are being planned and implemented by State/UT Governments.

(d) Government of India is monitoring the physical and financial progress under the various programmes through monthly quarterly and annual reports received from State Governments, periodic meetings held with them and through field visits by the concerned officers.

Allocation of Financial Assistance—RWS Sector (Rs. in crores)

STATE/UT	ARWSP		MNT	DROUGHT	
	Opening balance as on 1-4-87	Provisional allocation	Provision	Ad-hoc Govt. Release	Amount sanctioned purhase of Rigs
1	2	3	4	5	6
Andhra Pradesh	0.29	18.50	26·00	3.00	0 43
Arunachal Pradesh	0.31	0.67	5.83	0.00	0 00
Assam	0 00	14.40	26.85	0 00	0 00
Bihar	13.77	30.80	29.13	0.00	0 00
Goa	0.13	0.48	1.70	0 00	0 00
Gujarat	7.23	10.68	16 85	8.00	1 66
Haryana	3.95	5.47	25.74	2.00	0 70
Himachal Pradesh	0.55	6.62	16.75	1.50	0 00
J&K.	2.41	19.97	21.00	1.50	0.30
Karnataka	3.60	13.18	22.05	2.50	0 35
Kerala	3.29	10.47	20.75	1.00	0.25
M.P.	0.00	23.82	28.00	4.00	2.17
Maharashtra	7.69	20.33	97.00	2.00	1 72
Manipur	0.83	3.24	6.00	0 00	0 00
Meghalaya	0.09	4.42	6.16	0.00	0.00

1	2	3	4	5	6
Mizoram	0.32	0 72	3.77	00 0	0 00
Nagaland	0.48	4.44	4 30	1 00	0 00
Orissa	0.00	13 44	15.09	1 40	1 63
Punjab	2.64	5.40	11.04	1 50	0 70
Rajasthan	0.00	22.31	23.80	13 00	2 73
Sikkim	0.42	3.91	2.45	0 00	0 00
Tamilnadu	12 49	16.23	35.92	1 50	1 45
Tripura	1.13	3.68	4.20	0 00	0 00
U.P.	31.17	48 52	27 50	7 50	0 53
W.B.	0.00	26 07	16 00	0 00	0 00
D & N Hav.	0.00	0 13	0.28	0 00	0 00
A & N Island	0.00	0 42	0 72	0 00	0 00
L. Dweep	0.00	0 11	0 34	0 00	0 00
Pondicherry	0.00	0 27	0 33	0 00	0 00
Delhi			1 70		
TOTAL :	92 79	328.70	497 25	51 40	14 58

Action initiated against Chief Manager (Import) NCCF

77. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 2296 given on 8th May, 1987 and 2466 on 14th August, 1987 respectively and state:

(a) whether any action has been initiated for recovery of amount of Rs. 3.20 lakhs from the then Chief Manager (Imports) in the NCCF on whose default the cheque for the amount bounced; if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is a fact that the NCCF had to move the High Court in November, 1985 when the Deputy Manager (Imports), NCCF failed to initiate Arbitration Proceedings against the supplier (on their failure to supply wet Dates to the NCCF) well within the time available for arbitration as provided in the agreement with the supplier; if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the *prima-facie* connivance of the then Deputy Manager (Imports) with the supplier is established for not initiating the Arbitration Proceedings in time; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken against the officers involved?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L BHAGAT): (a) The cheque of Rs. 3.20 lakhs was for performance guarantee. There was no actual trading loss in the deal, it had only to incur bank expenditure of Rs. 37385. For recovery of bank